US curbs 00 import of Indian Textiles

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned *US Bill willcurb textile imports' which appeared in The Times of. India' on the 13th October, 1985;

(b) if so, what are lhe details in this regard; and

(c) the nature of preparations being jnade fo,- formulating the Indian position with referenCe to Multiflbre Arrangements 1986 and details of the Indian position as reflected in negotiation with other Least Developed Countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THI MINISTRY OF TEXTILES 'SHRl KHURSHlD ALAM KHAN)- (aL Sir.

(b) The Senate version of the Bill seeks o limit imports of textiles. Tne Bill would (i) cut back textile imports into USA from 3 leading suppliers—Taiwan, South Korea, and Hongkong by 30 per cent and (ii) place limits on textile imports from oher major suppliers—Chin'a. Japan. India. Pakistan. Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, Brazil and Singapore to l[l]J84 levels with 1. per cent growth. The Bill, however, is yet to be approved by the U.S. President.

(c) India's stand has been formulated taking into account cur competitiveness and the views of other developing count, riesl The position taken is t'\h derogation from the normal rules of 'GATT* inherent in the discriminatory regime of the Multiflbre Arrangement should be termitatod.

Deaths due f0 gas leakage

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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at least three persons were killed in two accidents of gas leakage, one in a Calico industries unit at Chambur. Bombay and the other in a Chemical factory at Rudel village. Kaira district, Gujarat and several others including a Member of Parliament were seriously affected and hospitalised on August 30, 1985;

(b) if so, what are the results of inquiries made into the causes of the accidents; and

svhat, are the details of cases of gas leakages in various industrial units since January this year indicating the numbei of persons killed and injured in each case and the steps taken or being taken to enforce safeguards by Central Government to prevent such cases effectively?

THE MINISTER Ol STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRr T. ANJA1AH): (a) and (b) According to the report received from the State vernment of Maharash, a result of leakage of chlorine gas from the. rage .lank of Hac (id.-subsidiary of Calico Ltd, Chembur on 30th August, 1985, one person died and 139 were affected. Ii has been reported that chlorine gas leaked because of failure *of* a ket. The State Government investiated the matter and necessary steps **for** ralising the chlorine and providing medicai aid to the affected were taken. Slate Government have also nrosecuted the Manager and the Occupier of the factory for offences under Factories Act, 1948 and Maharashtra Factory I Rules, 1963. Jn all, fourteen cases have